



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** December 4, 2007

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Interview And Appointment Of Youth Intern Applicant To The Council Committee On Youth And Children

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Interview applicant Chelsey Gonzales for the position of Youth Intern on the Council Committee on Youth and Children; and
- B. Request that Mayor Blum appoint Chelsey Gonzales to the position of Youth Intern on the Council Committee on Youth and Children.

**DISCUSSION:**

On February 7, 1995, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 95-025 that established a Youth Intern Program for Charter Boards and Commissions. The Resolution was established to expand the opportunities for City youth residents to participate in the City's governmental and advisory role process.

On June 6, 2000, Council adopted Resolution 00-044 rescinding Resolution No. 95-025, extending the Youth Intern Program to high school student volunteers who reside within the Santa Barbara High School District or attend other high schools within the City limits to learn first hand how public decisions are made, and how City departments function in providing public services while at the same time providing community service that may qualify for academic credit.

Staff has received an application and recommendations from Chelsey Gonzales who is requesting to be appointed to the Council Committee on Youth and Children as a Youth Intern.

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REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Finance \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Additional Department(s) That Need to Review CAR

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Chelsey Gonzales, a senior at San Marcos High School, is highly regarded by her teachers and principal, as well as her peers. Chelsey has served on the Youth Council for two years. She currently serves as the Committee Chair for Special Events, which is responsible for such activities as the Candidate's Forum, Youth Speak Outs and Haunted House. She also serves as the Youth Council representative to the Santa Barbara Board of Education and is an alternate youth representative for Plan Santa Barbara.

While she maintains a grade point average of 4.23, Chelsey also manages to compete on her school's Varsity Soccer and Volleyball teams. She is a member of Leadership, an Associated Student Body Commissioner of Organization, and engages in other community service projects.

Among her interests is her passion for Santa Barbara youth and teens. In her own words, she is interested in helping the City to create a place where youth and children can grow and prosper.

In the City's effort to provide intern opportunities for youth, strengthen their voice in decision making, and in support of the Santa Barbara Youth Platform, the Council Committee on Youth and Children requested appointment of a youth intern to their committee at their June 28, 2007, meeting.

Staff is confident that Chelsey Gonzales will fulfill her obligations as Youth Intern on the Commission.

**ATTACHMENTS:**      1. Youth Intern Application for Appointment  
                                 2. Principal's Letter of Recommendation

**PREPARED BY:**      Susan Young, Recreation Supervisor/Teen Programs

**SUBMITTED BY:**    Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

**APPROVED BY:**      City Administrator's Office

# YOUTH INTERN APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY ADVISORY GROUP

Parks & Recreation Department  
TEEN PROGRAMS DIVISION  
P. O. Box 1990  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990  
(805) 897-2650

Advisory Group Comm. of Youth + Children  
High School San Marcos High School

Name: Chelsey Gonzales Phone Number: (805) 448-0471  
Email Address: chelseygonzales@yahoo.com  
Residence: 7299 Fordham Place Goleta 93117  
Street Address City Zip  
Parent/Guardian: Janice Holmes Phone Number: (805) 868-8618  
Emergency Contact: Carol Bowie Phone Number: (805) 963-2816  
Age: 17 Grade Level: 12

Skills/Interests (Note: Only one additional page of information may be submitted. You may use the reverse side of this application or attach a separate sheet.)

Number of classes currently taking: 8 classes, 40 credits → senior year

Are you active in any clubs on campus? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, please list: Royal University Club, Friends of Rachel Club, Free the Children Club

Extracurricular activities: Varsity Soccer, Varsity Track, Varsity Volleyball, Leadership, ASB Commissioner of Organization, Youth Council of SB

If you have applied for more than one advisory group, list them in order of preference:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Reasons you believe you should be appointed to this group (Please use separate page.)

Are you able to provide the two-hour commitment per month? Yes ☒ No ☐

Name of High School Principal: Craig Morgan

Signature Cup Date: 11/2/07

I have read Resolution No. 00-044 of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara adopting the City's Nondiscrimination Policy, and if appointed, will follow it in the conduct of my duties.

Signed Chelsey Gonzales Date: 11/2/07

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date distributed to Mayor /Council offices: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

If appointed: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* SKILLS →

- Organized, Diligent, Motivated
- work well both individually and in groups
- competitive & hardworking

\*\*\* Interests → I've found great passion in helping fight prejudice and working to make the world around me better in every aspect.

Also, I find joy in sports as well as singing in church, or just simply enjoying the city I've learned to love with family and friends.

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I strongly believe that I would be a perfect fit for the Commission on Youth and Children because of the commitment to youth I have demonstrated through my work with the Youth Council. I am very interested in working with some of the "higher powers" in the city to help create a place where youth and children can grow and prosper. I am excited and motivated for the opportunity to be a part of a commission that is passionate about the same areas I am. I will work hard as a liaison.

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ATTACHMENT 2

Craig Morgan - Principal  
Ed Behrens - Assistant Principal  
Jennifer Foster - Assistant Principal  
Roxanna Stern - Assistant Principal  
Dave Scott - Teacher on Special Assignment  
Abe Jahadhmy - Athletics Director

October 29, 2007

Re: Chelsey Gonzales  
Parks and Recreation Commission Intern


Dear Parks and Recreation Commissioners,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Chelsey Gonzales, a remarkable student athlete here at San Marcos High School. As you will see, Chelsey makes S.M.H.S. a better place due to her positive leadership and outstanding character.

Chelsey has maintained a 4.23 grade point average in academic classes through her first three years of high school. She is currently enrolled in the following challenging advanced placement classes; AP Micro and Macro Economics, AP Government and AP English Literature. In addition to these rigorous classes, Chelsey participates in our Leadership Class as well as competing for San Marcos on our Volleyball and Track and Field teams. Chelsey possesses the ability to challenge herself and be successful at all she does. She consistently exhibits a positive outlook and is always willing to help others. Her leadership and strong positive character both in the classroom and in the athletic arena, make Chelsey one of our top leaders on our campus. She can always be seen with a smile on her face, even in the most challenging situations.

It is my strong recommendation that Chelsey be selected to serve as a Youth Intern on the city's Commission for Youth and Children. She possesses an unlimited leadership capacity and when combined with her rich experiences and dedicated work ethic, make her a serious candidate for any leadership position. If you have any further questions, or if I can be of more assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Craig Morgan  
Principal

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